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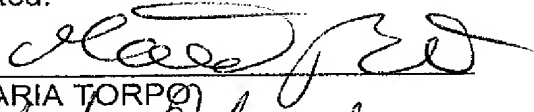
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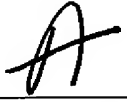
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1. Problem to be solved by the Invention:

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The invention will measure and record the E-wave deceleration time, DT, in order to provide a Diastolic Heart Failure (DHF) surrogate. By recording changes in DT over time, a measurement of how the disease progresses is provided. Also, in patients that do not have DHF it is possible to detect if the disease originates, thus allowing medical attention.

2. Background:

In the space provided below, briefly describe the background information or the state of the art; patent documents, articles, etc.

Many pacemaker patients have or are at risk of developing DHF, Diastolic Heart Failure. Early detection of DHF and detection of the progress of DHF is highly eligible so that the right treatment can be employed for the patient. There are many parameters that indicate the progress of DHF, so called DHF surrogates. One of them is the E-wave deceleration time, DT (also referred to as the "Dec time"). DT is defined as the time from when the blood velocity through the mitral valve has reached its peak velocity to the time it reaches zero. If zero velocity isn't obtained due to A-wave influence, the time is calculated by interpolation, see figure 1. Detecting and measuring the DT would provide a DHF surrogate, thus providing a way to measure the progress or detect the origin of DHF.

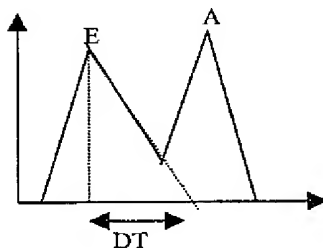


Figure 1: A schematic picture of the blood velocity through the mitral valve as measured by echocardiography.

The progress of Diastolic Heart Failure can be divided into three phases and each of these phases causes a change in the DT, see figure 2 (taken from Maria Torpo's report on DHF). The first phase of DHF is the one referred to as "Impaired relaxation", during this phase the DT is much longer than in a normal heart. After this phase the disease progresses into a phase called "Pseudonormal" where the heart compensates and DT returns to more normal values (proximate to the DT of the normal heart). This phase is followed by the final stage of DHF called "Restrictive". During the restrictive phase DT changes is shorter than the DT of the normal heart.

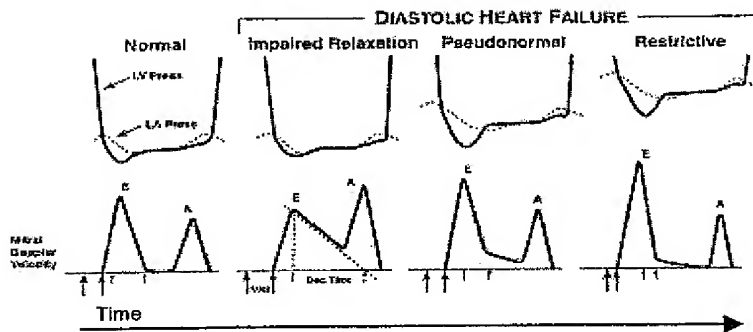


Figure 2. Changes in the DT (deceleration time) during DHF development.

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The pacemaker will, with the use of sensors, its IEGMs or impedance-measurements, measure or calculate the DT at given time-intervals and either store it or the changes in the DT in the memory of the pacemaker. Once the patient comes in for a follow-up, the DT development over time will be downloaded from the pacemaker and the treating physician can evaluate the results and view the progression or regression of the disease.

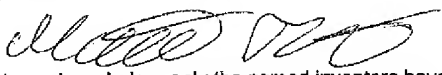
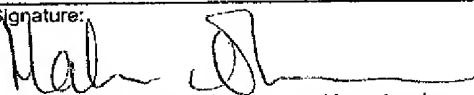
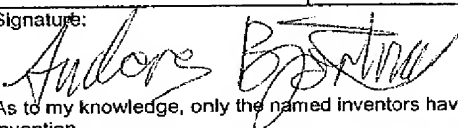
If the pacemaker detects a change in the DT that may be an indication that the patient is developing DHF or if the patient is progressing into an new phase of DHF, the pacemaker can send out an alert that the patient should be called in for a follow-up.

The surrogate could also be used for optimising future DHF pacing therapy or for optimising pacemaker settings.

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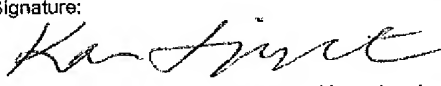
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The invention will measure and record the isovolumic relaxation time, IVRT, in order to provide a Diastolic Heart Failure (DHF) surrogate. By recording the changes in IVRT over time a measurement of how the disease progresses is provided. Also, in patients that do not have DHF it is possible to detect if the disease originates thus allowing medical attention.

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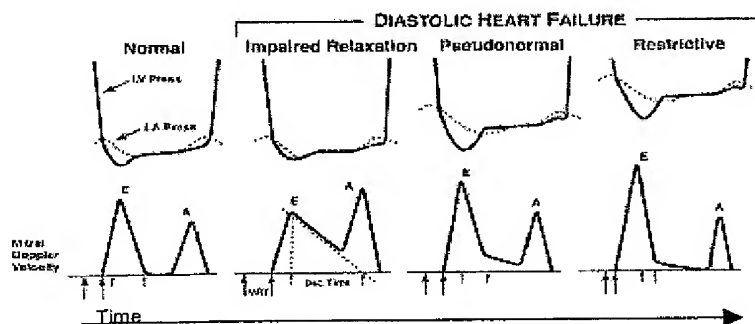


Figure 1. Changes in the IVRT during DHF development.

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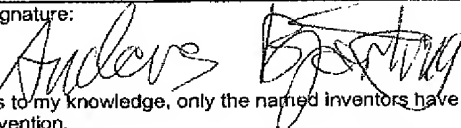
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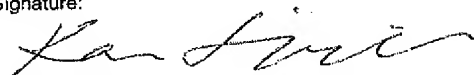
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